हमारे दो बिजलीघर हैं यहां इन्द्रप्रस्थ और राजघाट में इनसे भी प्रदूषण ज्यादा फैल रहा है। इसमें मैंने मीटिंग ली थी और दोनों जो बिजलीघर हैं उन्होंने आश्वासन दिया है कि 31 मार्च, तक जो भी उनके इक्विपमेन्ट जो काम नहीं कर रहे थे वे ठीक हो करके पूरी तरह से आपरेटेड होंगे। जहां तक वाहन के प्रदूषण का प्रश्न है इमिशन स्टैंडर्ड जो है हमने सेट करे हुए हैं। जो अभियान या पाल्यूशन चेक का वह अब तेजी से फिर से किया जा रहा है पर जैसा मैंने कहा कि यह केवल इन्सपेक्टर्स या लेबिल्स या कानून के माध्यम से सफल नहीं हो पाएगा। इसमें आम जनता को भी जुड़ना पड़ेगा। इसके लिए भी एक अभियान कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है।

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Sir, on the lines of the Ganga Action Plan, is there any plan for the southern States for the Krishna, Godavari, Cauvery and other rivers to augment the Action Plan ? If so, at what stage of consideration is this with the Central Government ?

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Sir, recently we have formulated the National River Action Plan which includes about 22 of the most polluted stretches of the rivers in the country. This has been approved very recently and will be implemented. It does have some of the stretches of the polluted rivers in the South which have been assessed by the Central Pollution Control Board. We have picked 22 most polluted stretches of all the rivers in the country.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : What are those in the South ?

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Specifically I do not have that information with me. But I will be glad to send it to the hon. Member. But, what he is mentioning, some of the rivers are there in the National River Action Plan. This Plan will be merged with the Ganga Action Plan, Phase-2, and will be implemented in the Eighth Plan period.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 123.

Verification of Quality of Equipment Before Purchase of Switches and Crossings by the Railways

*123. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways verify the quality of equipments while purchasing switches and crossings from any firm;

(b) whether RDSO cautioned the railways about this; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Verification of quality of equipment before purchase of Switches and Crossings

(a) to (c)

The position in respect of purchase of switches and crossings is as under :

Regular orders for the tendered quantity for fabrication and supply of switches and crossings are being placed on seven firms who are the established suppliers for these items.

In addition, developmental orders each for 100 nos. of switches and crossings out side the tendered quantity have been approved and processed for placement on 13 firms in order to promote new avenues of supply of these items and to create competition.

Developmental orders are being placed on 13 firms who shall have to get the prototypes of switches and crossings inspected and cleared by Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) before regular manufacture to ensure that switches and crossings conform to requisite specifications.

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Sir, the information is not complete; it perhaps hides some information. The information with me is that the RDSO had in their letters to the Ministry in February and April informed about some 14 companies

that they would not be eligible to be awarded the contract. Now the Government says that they have awarded the contracts to 13 companies. They have not named them. I think, they shuld name them. They should also inform the House as to what consideration prevailed upon them in awarding the contracts despite the opposite view of the RDSO which was communicated to the Minister by the Director (Track), Railway Board.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN : Sir, there is a slight misunderstanding here, and I would like to make it much more clear to the hon. Member. Sir, on these 13 firms which have been referred to by the hon. Member, only developmental orders have been placed for the supply of switches and crossings. Sir, normally to keep a healthy competition, we award the required quantity to the proven, established firms, and at the same time, out of the tendered quantity, we give some developmental orders to some firms so that they can develop. In this case, the RDSO has gone to these 13 firms where certain infrastructure might have been found to be satisfactory. However, unless and until the developmental order is placed, the firm cannot develop the infrastructure. The RDSO has to inspect the prototype which will be developed by these firms and only then developmental orders are placed after being satisfied that they conform to the required specifications. And then only these firms will be cleared for regular manufacture. Once they start regular manufacturing, they may compete with the established firms; they will be eligible to compete with them. We placed developmental order on these 13 firms for only less than one per cent of the quantity of switches and crossings required by us.

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Sir, the reply is not at all clear. My question now is whether the Government can place an order on a firm which does not exist, where the infrastructure does not exist. I want to know whether such orders can be placed on such firms. I also want to know whether the Government has further evaluated its own manufacturing units under the Railways and whether it has assessed the possibility of placing its orders on those units.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN : I totally rule it out. The Government will not commit any such mistake, of placing its orders on a non-existing firm. Orders are placed after tenders are notified. The technical committee goes into it and after taking various factors into consideration, orders will be placed.

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : But what are those various factors?

Mr. CHAIRMAN : Next question.

*124. [*The questioner Shri Krishna Kumar Birla) was absent for answer vide Col ..... infra*]

*125. The questioner (Shri Ramachandran Pillai) was absent. For answer vide Col..... infra]

उर्वरक उत्पादक एककों को रियायती दर पर पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की आपूर्ति

*126. श्रीमति सुषमा स्वराज : श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में उर्वरक उत्पादक एककों को रियायत दर पर पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की आपूर्ति किए जाने का निर्णय किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार कौन-कौन से पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों को किन-किन रियायती दरों पर इन एककों को सप्लाई करने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) क्या इस बारे में कोई आकलन किया गया है कि देश में ऐसे एककों की पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की कुल कितनी वार्षिक मांग है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार इस वार्षिक मांग का कितने प्रतिशत रियायती दर पर उन्हें सप्लाई करने का विचार रखती है?

*सभा में यह प्रश्न श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज द्वारा पूछा गया।